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## APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL

Ernest J. Reece has been appointed Principal of the Library School of The New York Public Library, and will assume his duties September 1. As stated in the *Staff News* of August 17, 1916, Mr. Root could take the principalship for the current year only, having a year's leave of absence from his position as Librarian of Oberlin College. Mr. Reece graduated in 1903 from Western Reserve University, Cleveland; was enrolled as a student in the Western Reserve Library School in the fall of 1904, and received his certificate as a member of the first class in June, 1905. Then, for one year he was assistant in the reference department of the Cleveland Public Library, doing, incidentally, some work with home libraries in one of the foreign sections of the city. In the fall of 1906 he resigned to enter Oberlin Theological Seminary, where he studied for two years, and at the same time taught in the night school for foreigners conducted by the Y. M. C. A. at South Lorain, Ohio. An opportunity then came to organize the library at Oahu College, Honolulu, and he spent the years 1908-11 in establishing it in its new building. In 1912 he became an instructor in the University of Illinois Library School, where he taught the courses in federal documents, state, city and foreign documents, bibliographical institutions, trade bibliography, library buildings, and special libraries, as well as those relating to several minor phases of administration; had direction of the practice work, and accompanied the school on inspection trips. For four years he was also in joint charge of the summer session, and taught reference, book-selection, and administrative topics. While at the University

of Illinois he pursued graduate study in political science, and published for the assistance of reference workers a handbook entitled "State Documents for Libraries," and for the use of the smaller Illinois libraries a brief bibliography called "Selected Illinois Documents." He also contributed to the *American Journal of Sociology* a study entitled "Race Mingling in Hawaii," and to the *Library Journal* an article entitled "The Libraries of Hawaii." He has been for two years Secretary of the Illinois Library Association, and has served for one year on its legislative committee.

### SENIOR LECTURES

Senior lectures during the winter term were the following:

*School and college library course and Advanced reference and cataloguing course:*

- January 3. Victor H. Paltsits. The work of a manuscript department.
- January 9. Isadore G. Mudge. College reference work.
- January 10. Leon Dominian. The care of maps, charts and atlases.
- January 16. Isadore G. Mudge. College reference work.
- January 17. Howland Wood. The care of coins, medals, and similar materials.
- January 23. Isadore G. Mudge. College reference work.
- January 24. Frank Weitenkampf. The work of an art department.
- January 24. Charles F. McCombs. The formation of a reference collection.
- January 30. Isadore G. Mudge. College reference work.
- January 31. Emma F. Cragin. The care of a picture collection.
- February 6, 7, 13, 14. Isadore G. Mudge. College reference work.
- February 20, 21, 27, 28; March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28. Théophile E. Comba. Italian.

*Administration course:*

- January 3. Jessie F. Brainerd. Administration of a "small city" library.
- January 4. Corinne Bacon. Book selection.
- January 10. Edward F. Stevens. Libraries and men.
- January 11, 18. Corinne Bacon. Book selection.
- January 24, 25. Mrs. Alma D. Custead. Administration of a rural library.
- January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7. Franklin F. Hopper. Library administration.
- February 1, 8, 15; March 1, 8. Corinne Bacon. Book selection.
- March 14. Frederick C. Hicks. Library publicity.
- March 15. Edmund L. Pearson. Library publications.



## JUNIOR LECTURES

Special lectures before the juniors have been as follows:

- January 17. Benjamin Adams. Branch library administration.
- January 24. Adelaide B. Maltby. Branch library administration.
- January 31. Annie Carroll Moore. Administration of a children's room.
- February 7. Annie Carroll Moore. The appeal of work with children.
- February 14. Anna C. Tyler. Story-telling.
- February 14. Asa Don Dickinson. Library work abroad.
- February 21. Charles C. Williamson. Municipal reference work.
- February 26. Ernest J. Reece. International bibliographies of science.
- February 27. Ernest J. Reece. History of co-operative cataloguing.
- February 28; March 7. Théophile E. Comba. Italian literature.
- March 7, 14. Franklin F. Hopper. Book-buying.

## FACULTY

Mr. Root spoke on "Libraries and the War" at the annual luncheon of the Pratt Graduates' Association, January 31; gave ten lectures on the history of printing and of libraries before the Western Reserve Library School, February 5-16; spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Library Association, February 28, on "Modern Possibilities of the New Library"; was one of the speakers at the New York Library Club, March 8, on "Standardization and Certification"; and spoke informally to the training class of the Public Library, Washington, D. C., on March 23.

Miss Sutliff and Miss Handerson, with two of the juniors, represented the School at the Atlantic City meeting, March 2 and 3.

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS

A dinner in Chinatown and a walk through the push-cart region of the lower East Side was enjoyed by a large group from the School on the evening of January 17. Five members of the faculty and about thirty students participated.

The juniors entertained the faculty and the seniors at the School with a candy-pull on the evening of Friday, February 2.

Miss Sutliff and Miss Handerson entertained the faculty and the juniors by a Valentine party at Miss Sutliff's home, February 16.

The seniors held a "track meet" on Saturday evening, March 10, to which the faculty and juniors were invited. Refreshments were served.

The alumni Open House was held at the School Monday evening, March 12, with a good attendance.

The Albany School visited The New York Public Library and the School Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4, and was entertained at tea by the School on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Anderson, Miss Rose and many Albany graduates in the Central Building were invited guests.

### THE SPRING TRIP

Several innovations marked the annual spring trip. By condensing the examination period, and by a reduction of one day in the length of the trip, a vacation of five days was provided, before beginning the work of the spring term. In each city visited, sight-seeing automobiles were employed which took the party with a minimum of inconvenience directly to the libraries to be inspected and more libraries were thus seen. As few of the students had visited Washington, Saturday and Sunday were utilized for general sight-seeing. The trip to Mount Vernon on Saturday afternoon was particularly delightful. The itinerary, which included Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, was as follows:

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

- 8.08 a. m. Left New York for Baltimore (Pennsylvania Terminal).
- 12.35 Arrived Baltimore.
- 12.40-1.30 Luncheon, either in R. R. restaurant or in nearby lunch rooms.
- 1.30 Took sight-seeing car at Union station.
- 2.00-3.15 Inspection of Library at Johns Hopkins University.
- 3.30-4.15 Inspection of Enoch Pratt Free Public Library.
- 4.30-5.15 Inspection of Library of Peabody Institute.
- 5.30 Train to Washington.
- 6.40 Arrived Washington. Took auto to the New Ebbitt Hotel, cor. F and 14th Streets.



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### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- 8.30 a. m. Breakfast.
- 9.30 Automobile to Library of Congress.
- 9.45-12.30 Inspection of the Library of Congress.
- 12.30-1.30 Luncheon in Library of Congress restaurant.
- 1.30-4.00 Inspection of the Government Printing Office.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 8.30 a. m. Breakfast.
- 9.30 Took car for Public Library, Mount Vernon Square and K Street.
- 9.45-12 Inspection of Public Library of the District of Columbia.
- 12.30 Luncheon. New Ebbitt Hotel.
- 1.30-3.30 Inspection of Library of the Department of Agriculture and associated libraries. Back to New Ebbitt Hotel.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- 8.30 a. m. Breakfast.
- 9.30-11 The morning was spent in seeing the public buildings of Washington.
- 12.00 (noon) Took electric car for Mount Vernon.
- 1.30 Mount Vernon. Luncheon.
- 2.00-5.00 Inspection of Mount Vernon.
- 5.00 Steamer to Washington.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 8.30 a. m. Breakfast.
- 9.30-1.00 The morning was spent in seeing Washington and also Arlington.
- 1.30-2.30 Dinner.
- 2.30-5.00 Corcoran Art Gallery.

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

- 8.00 a. m. Breakfast.
- 9.00 Left Washington, Union Station, for Philadelphia.
- 12.10 Arrived in Philadelphia, Broad Street Station.
- 12.15-1.15 Luncheon.
- 1.15-6.00 Inspection of Library Company's library and the library of the Commercial Museum. Independence Hall and the building of the Curtis Publishing Co. were also visited.
- 6.00-7.00 Dinner.
- 7.00 Left Philadelphia, Broad Street Station, for New York.
- 9.15 Arrived New York, Pennsylvania Terminal.

## ALUMNI

Miss Agnes McClure (junior, 1912) has accepted a position with the H. W. Wilson Company.

Mrs. Maude Durlin Merritt (junior, 1912) has been transferred from Hamilton Fish Branch to the Reference Cataloguing Department.

Miss Elizabeth Baldwin (1913) has resigned her position with the Longmans Green Company and is at present taking a course in stenography.

Miss Gertrude Olmsted (1913) has resigned her position with the American Museum of Safety.

Miss Marguerite Entler (junior, 1913) has been appointed librarian of the Washington High School, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Foster W. Stearns (junior, 1913) has been appointed Librarian of the Massachusetts State Library in Boston.

Mr. Theodore M. Avé-Lallemant (junior, 1914), Secretary of the Research Department of the National Americanization, has returned to New York after five months' leave of absence to serve as research assistant in the Division of Immigrant Education, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Rachel Beall (1915) has been transferred from the 125th Street Branch to St. Agnes Branch as First Assistant.

Miss Dorothy Rogers (1915) has resigned her position in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to accept the position of High School librarian in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Miss Alice F. Rupp (1915) has resigned her position in the New Rochelle Public Library and has been appointed Assistant at Tremont Branch, The New York Public Library.

Mr. Ralph Gossage (partial student, 1915), who left the School to engage in relief work in Holland, has returned to this country. He accepted a position in the Reference Department of The New York Public Library, but after serving a few months was called to his home by the serious illness of his father. He writes from Oskaloosa, Iowa,

that he recently spoke to seven hundred high school students in Ottumwa on the subject of his work in Holland and libraries visited in England.

Miss Anna Brackbill (junior, 1916) has been confined to her home by severe illness for the past two months. She hopes to be able to return to work by May first.

Miss Grace Cook (junior, 1916) has resigned her position in The New York Public Library to become Assistant in the Engineering Library of Columbia University.



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